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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We wish to extend to our friends and customers a hearty Christmas greeting and assure you one and all of our sincerest wishes for a most happy and prosperous New Year.

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During the coming year and in the years to follow, with your co-operation we will continue to serve you and earnestly endeavor to maintain that confidence you have reposed in us and afford you that same protection against exorbitant prices.

PIGGLY WIGGLY.

Miss Boswick, with headquarters at Albuquerque, addressed a meeting at the Baptist church Wednesday night instead of the usual prayer meeting. The lady is corresponding secretary of B. M. U. work of the state and is visiting the societies in the interest of that work.

Candidate for Justice of the Peace

I wish to inform the voters of Precinct No. 1, which includes the City of Carlsbad, that I am a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1, subject to the will of the people as expressed in the justice of the peace election to be held Monday, January 8th, 1923.

A. S. McCORD.

Fulton, Mo., Dec. 20.—Miss Elizabeth Hoag, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, who is a pupil of Mr. Wm. H. Meldrum, head of the Jameson Conservatory of Music at William Woods College, took an important part in a student recital held recently at the College when she played a piano solo, "Fantasie-Improvisation," by Chopin. Miss Hoag gave a very effective rendition of this piece, and it was much enjoyed by all present.

Ladies, who have used Je-Nee-Wa Almond brick invisible face powder, Disappearing rouge and Tissue builder, for sale by MRS. LEE MIDDLETON.

A BRIDGE PARTY

One of the most delightful occasions of the season was the evening at Bridge with Miss Ovo Butcher and her mother at their attractive bungalow home on Canal street Friday, December 15th. The affair was in honor of Miss Olive Burns, who has just returned from a three months stay in El Paso. The rooms were tastefully decorated in Christmas colors and holly and mistletoe were used in abundance. Those invited to meet Miss Burns were Misses Kremer, Patty and Martin Witt, Willie Lovett, Inez Jones, Frances Etter, Lorene Powell, Matsie Gibson, Marie Unsay, Frankie Howell, Elsie Taylor, Helen McVain, Agnes Standifer, Ruth Willard, Quick Mesdames Hugh Hall, J. F. Joyce, W. C. Reed, Babe Campbell, Dan Lowenbruck, Robert Toffelmire and Aud Lusk.

The hostesses were assisted in serving a midnight lunch by Misses Pearl Butcher, Mary Frances Joyce, and Ruth Farrell, which was constituted of sandwiches, coffee and cake.

Little Mary Idelle Glover came in from their ranch Wednesday for the express purpose of seeing Santa Claus. She was accompanied by her parents and the young lady who is teaching at Frijoles, and Johnny Clark. They spent the day in town and Mary left for her home satisfied that the good Saint would attend to her wants.

Miss Marionette Reed entertained the members of the cast of "Anne What's Her Name" at her home in West Carlsbad after the show Wednesday night. A few other friends shared the pleasures of the evening which was devoted to dancing.

The Santa Fe railroad has made a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip to Santa Fe, for the inauguration, from all points in New Mexico. Tickets will be on sale December 30 and 31, and January 1, with a return limit of January 3. The fare for the round trip will be \$34.56, from Carlsbad.

W. E. Rose, at Loving, New Mexico, will have one of the largest auction sales, January 6th, 1923, that has ever been pulled off in the lower valley. Be sure and be there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Thomas Pickens, were in from Last Chance Wednesday, shopping and looking for Santa Claus.

THE CHRISTMAS PICNIC

By Mary Graham Bonner

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THE young people were going to give a Christmas picnic on the day after Christmas. They had all decided that it would be no end of fun to take their skates and have a long day of skating, and to have their dinner out of doors.

They felt it would be particularly good for them, too, to get away from the sweets and holiday food they would constantly be nibbling at if they were home.

So on the day after Christmas they went on the Christmas picnic and skating party.

They all had so much enthusiasm. Everyone was going to take part. Everyone was going to help and assist and work.



But when it came time for dinner everyone seemed hungry but helpless, and somehow the cold seemed to have gloved in their cheeks and hearts as they skated, but to have numbed them as the work of the picnic loomed in view.

The gay and debonair young man who called himself the life of the party and who had come garbed in knickerbockers and sport sweater was suddenly quiet. He said he was not much good at making a fire. Instead, he seemed to admire himself and his handsome legs and to ignore the opening of the baskets. To be sure, he looked well and his attitude said quite plainly:

"The man who invented knickerbockers, without a doubt had good looking legs himself, and perhaps an enemy with particularly ugly ones, but he certainly didn't get the better of me."

But Jerry, who was always a good fire builder and upon whom the work always rested, despite previous protests that it would not this time, was the one now who built the fire.

And the rest of the typical picnic people did the usual things. There was the man who talked about building the fire so as to keep the smoke from blowing in the faces of everyone present.

There was the girl who spoke from time to time in alarmed, sudden sentences, wondering in turn if the salt, pepper, bacon, sugar, milk or coffee pot had been forgotten.

There was the girl who was obviously helpless.

There was the girl who kept asking what she could do to help, who would have received any suggestions with a very bad grace.

And there was Milly, who really undid the packages and cooked the bacon and saw that everyone had enough to eat.

The man who said most about not being hungry inquired with more than an academic interest as to what the filling of the sandwiches might be.

And there was the man present who spoke from time to time of the good things that could have been brought if only he had thought of them sooner.

But Jerry and Milly saw that the picnic was a real picnic, while the others gave their eating services.

And after the picnic was over and Jerry was helping Milly as she washed off the dishes in the boiling water Jerry had saved in the old big kettle, he said:

"Milly, you're the most unselfish girl I've ever known. Different from everyone. I've always thought so. And don't you think we'd make a good team—not only on a picnic but through life?"

And Milly answered:

"That's very much the way I've thought about you, Jerry."

So that you see, Milly and Jerry weren't so much cheated at that picnic as you might have thought. In fact, they had a very merry Christmas picnic!

At the Christmas Party.

The wise hostess wishes to prevent her young guests from pairing off and remaining with their escorts the entire evening. To change partners in a novel and entertaining way in the course of the evening, have ready a circle of green cardboard divided into as many sections as there are girls present. Write a girl's name in each division. Now cut out a large red pasteboard star, with a white arrow painted on one of the points, and fasten this star to the center of the cardboard circle by means of a large pin. Each boy in turn comes up and spins the star, and the maiden whose name is indicated when the white arrow comes to rest is accorded him as partner. Of course, if a girl's name has already been chosen the boy must spin again. This spinning star will result in much mirth for the young people.

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EDDY LODGE TO ENTERTAIN

Invitations have been issued by Eddy Lodge No. 21, A. F. & A. M., during the week to Masons and their families to be present at the annual installation of officers which will be held the anniversary of St. John, the Evangelist, December 27, at eight o'clock.

The evening's program consists of music and readings and the ceremony of installation. The program follows:

"Welcome"—Brother Joseph Wertheim, Worshipful Master, Eddy Lodge No. 21.

Masonic Male Quartette. (Selected)—Brothers John W. Wells, Frank A. Kindel, William N. Hudgins, and Jewel S. Oliver.

Installation of Officers—Brother Richard M. Thorne, Past Grand Master, assisted by Brother C. D. Rickman, as Marshal.

Reading—Mrs. John T. Barber.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Harry McKim.

Reading—Miss Dorothy Swigart.

Masonic Male Quartette.

Refreshments and social hour.

Since the last entertainment complimentary to the families and friends of Masons, the lodge hall has been redecorated and a new lighting system installed.

The installation ceremony will afford opportunity of inspection of the many improvements and the program will be in the nature of a "housewarming." Visiting Masons are invited to be present. Robert L. Halley, James D. Hudgins and W. Frank McVain comprise the committee in charge of the evening's entertainment.

The little Bond boys, Paul and Damon, celebrated their joint birthday anniversaries Tuesday afternoon at the close of school. The boys are aged respectively seven and nine years and had often expressed their desire for a party, saying that girls had parties frequently and boys but seldom. So in view of that fact, their mother gave them permission to ask whom they wished to their party; the result was about thirty boys and a few neighbor girls, were present on the happy occasion. Two big birthday cakes, one having seven candles and the other having nine, graced the table and delighted the boys; a large dishpan of popcorn was also provided and hot cocoa gave the finishing touches to the afternoon pleasures. The yard was full of happy youngsters and at the close of the day Damon and Paul felt that they had enjoyed a real birthday party. May many more be theirs.

A wire received by Rev. A. C. Douglas Wednesday announced the death of a well known minister, of the New Mexico conference, Rev. J. H. Messer, who departed this life Tuesday of this week at Tucuman, from heart failure. He was about fifty-nine years old and was serving the Clayton District as presiding elder at the time of his death. Truly a good man has gone to rest.

BASKET BALL GAMES

Those were good, snappy basketball games that were played in the Armory Friday night, the first being between the teachers of the High School and the High School team of girls, and the latter between Hope and Carlsbad. The High School team came out ahead of the Faculty team by a heavy score.

In the games between Hope and Carlsbad, the first game resulted in a tie, the score at the close of the second half being 13 to 13. In the play off of the tie, Hope was victorious by a score of 17 to 14.

The game was well played, and the rooting very enthusiastic. Carlsbad boys had invented several new yells for the occasion and they were given with a will, the boys utilizing the stage in the Armory, and making their first appearance in their uniforms of white trousers and blue coats.

Fifty dollars was taken in as door receipts.

CHRISTMAS EPISCOPAL SERVICES IN THE PECOS VALLEY

December 23rd, Christmas tree, St. Paul's, Artesia, 7:30 p. m.
Christmas Eve, Choral Eucharist, St. Paul's, Artesia, 10:30 a. m.
Church school Christmas tree, Grace Church, Carlsbad, 4:00 p. m.
Choral Eucharist, Grace Church, midnight.
St. Mark's, Pecos, evening service, December 28, 7:30 p. m.
St. Mark's, Pecos, Holy Communion, December 29, 9:00 a. m.
St. Stephen's, Toyah, evening service, December 29, 7:30 p. m.
St. Stephen's, Toyah, Holy Communion, December 30, 8:00 a. m.
Best wishes to you and yours.
REV. F. A. THOROLD-ELLER.

Alfred M. Mueller and bride arrived in the city, last Sunday from Chicago, where they were married the Friday previous. Mrs. Mueller was a Miss Lauda Wagner, and is a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music, of Chicago, and is a most charming and accomplished young lady. The Current extends best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Mueller, and hopes that their home among us may be filled with happiness and prosperity. They are now at home to their friends in the Morrison Apartments, on Canal street.

William F. Murphy, receiver of the Carlsbad Light & Power Company, came in Monday from a business visit to Chicago.

Carlsbad Encampment, I. O. O. F. No. 16, had visitors last Monday night from Alfalfa Encampment, No. 9, of Artesia. Eight candidates received degrees, and afterward enjoyed the supper provided by Carlsbad brethren.

It is no longer necessary to hook your watch. A chunk of coal will do just as well.

For Your

Xmas. Dinner

Turkeys, dressed	35c.
Hens, dressed	25c.
Roast Pork	25c.
Prime rib roast	22c.
Legs Spring Lamb	30c.
Boston Leg Lamb	25c.
Pot roast	15c.

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Our Greeting

In the Spirit of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY brings us the consciousness that whatever our personal animosities may be, whatever the strife between nations—merely neighborhood quarrels greatly magnified—there is this sublime occasion devoted to peace and good will. Its spirit is the lamp which lights to higher life; its influence largely supports civilization and prevents a lapse into barbarity.

Christmas spirit means Christian spirit. In testing its effect, one has only to reflect upon the positions of races, the most advanced being those of Christendom. China, the oldest entity among peoples, has an admirable occasion upon which the citizens strive to liquidate all their debts. It is a national pay-up day, and in spirit somewhat resembles our Christmas. In Japan they have an annual event somewhat like our New Year's celebration, during which the people go about expressing good will and promoting good cheer. But Christmas has a more elevating effect than either, in that it not only typifies peace and good will, but carries the essence of unselfishness and pure love, the most common expression being the bestowal of gifts. When the Christmas influence gains to the point that its spirit shall permeate the affairs of every day in the year, the millennium will have arrived.

We have this day, and if we mar not its ideal its heaven will produce other days of the kind. In the making of a newspaper we have an opportunity to view the many forces operating upon the character of humanity. We see the good and bad, the sincere and insincere, the selfish and unselfish. We believe the heaven of good is more active than that of the opposed forces. If we have been able to assist the right, much has been due to your co-operation and we earnestly solicit a continuation of the same. Our Christmas greeting to you is one of optimism, good cheer and hearty good wishes.

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